

# **Solar panels turn yellow**





## Overview

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Why do solar panels turn yellow?

This discoloration is due to an uncontrollable chemical reaction in the panel materials. Studies have shown that acetic acid plays a crucial role in turning the EVA encapsulate yellow. This reaction happens between chemicals on the silicon solar cell surfaces and those used to treat the glass.

Can a yellow solar panel cause power loss?

The acetic acid released during the chemical reaction that lead to yellowing may cause corrosion in the solar panel, but is argued to be an unlikely mechanism for power loss in a yellow solar panel.

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“Yellowing” of PV modules is defined as the optical degradation of the ethyl vinyl acetate (EVA) where the clear encapsulant becomes visibly yellow or even brown.

Why does a panel turn yellow over time?

This issue occurs due to the degradation of ethyl vinyl acetate (EVA), a material used as an encapsulant in the panel. Initially clear the EVA can turn visibly yellow or even brown over time. This discoloration is due to an uncontrollable chemical reaction in the panel materials.



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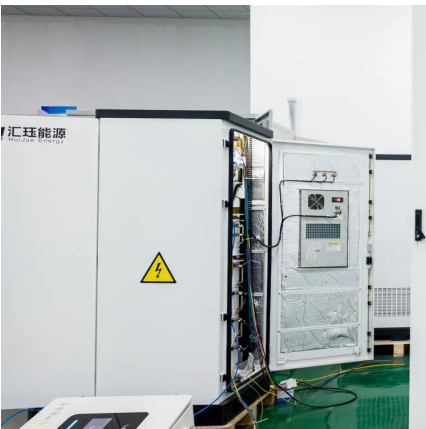
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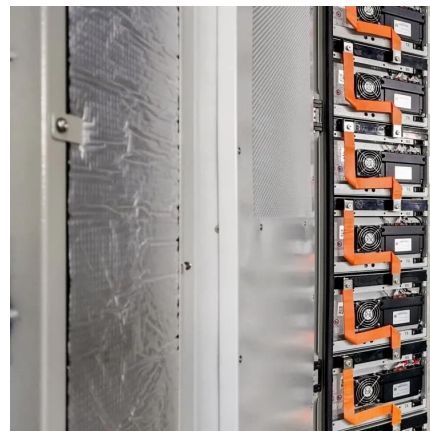


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